

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: INFORMIX DATABASE CONVERSION

The purpose of this information bulletin is to inform Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) that on June 5, 2004, the Job Training Automation (JTA) operating system and the Informix database will be upgraded. This change should be transparent to JTA system users. This does not coincide with a JTA version change. This JTA system upgrade is mandatory in order to stabilize the system prior to year end. We are currently operating an unsupported system configuration. Following this system upgrade the Sequel Query Language (SQL) Assist ad hoc reporting tool will not be available to system users. The SQL Assist is not compatible with the required system upgrades.

In a February 23, 2004, e-mail to the LWIA administrators and the management information system administrators, the Workforce Investment Division (WID) announced the need for this change and solicited information regarding our customers need and use for SQL Assist. Since that time, the JTA Help Desk staffs have been working closely with our SQL Assist users to transition ad hoc reports to Informix SQL (ISQL) and to facilitate use of the open data base connection (ODBC) option to support the LWIA's need to extract data from the JTA for use in other systems.

Beginning in July 2004, the Microsoft SQL Reporting Services (RS) will be available on the JTA system. This will allow the State staff to generate parameterized reports that can be run by customers on an ad hoc basis to extract JTA system data. Also, the RS will provide the Workforce Development Branch with the ability to distribute standardized reports from the JTA system through the World Wide Web. During June 2004, the WID will convene a workgroup of LWIA representatives to discuss the implementation and use of the RS.

If you have any questions regarding these JTA system changes or need assistance regarding conversion of SQL Assist statements, please contact the JTA help desk at (916) 653-0202.

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